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SUBJECT: DROBOT CASE

1. DADACHANJI CAME TO EMBASSY MARCH 11 TO ASK FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN PASSING FOLLOWING MESSAGES TO WESTINGHOUSE (MILLER):

A. GOI TAX AUTHORITIES ARE PRESSING FOR THE 10 LAKH INCOME TAX PAYMENT COVERED IN DADACHANJI'S MESSAGE OF FEB. 19 TO WESTINGHOUSE. DADACHANJI URGES THAT WESTINGHOUSE APPROVE PAYMENT. FAILURE TO PAY WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN 100 PERCENT PENALTY AND WOULD PREJUDICE THE WHOLE QUESTION OF WESTINGHOUSE ASSETS IN INDIA.

B. DADACHANJI URGES DELAY IN CLOSING OF WESTINGHOUSE OFFICE. CLOSING OFFICE AT THIS POINT WOULD ONLY LOOK LIKE ATTEMPT BY WESTINGHOUSE TO FLEE INDIA AND WOULD BE LIKELY TO LEAD TO SEIZURE OF ALL WESTINGHOUSE ASSETS. ON THE OTHER HAND, OFFICE COSTS ARE EXTREMELY MODEST.

C. GOI NOTES THAT WESTINGHOUSE HAS NOT REPLIED TO DADACHANJI'S CABLE AND LETTER OF JAN. 13 AND HIS LETTER OF JAN. 14 REGARDING DROBOT. LACK OF REPLY OR EVEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT HAS LEAD GOI TO QUESTION WHETHER DADACHANJI DID IN FACT SEND MESSAGES. DADACHANJI WOULD APPRECIATE OPEN DIRECT REPLY FROM WESTINGHOUSE ACKNOWLEDGING DADACHANJI COMMUNICA-

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TIONS AND SAYING MATTER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. SUCH A

MESSAGE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE READ BY GOI AND WOULD REINFORCE
DADACHANJI'S CREDITABILITY.

D. DADACHANJI WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND WESTINGHOUSE SEND
MESSAGE DIRECT TO DADACHANJI STATING THAT WESTINGHOUSE "REGRETS
DROBOT ESCAPE" AND THAT DROBOT IS NO LONGER EMPLOYEED BY
WESTINGHOUSE. HE URGED THAT WESTINGHOUSE AVOID USING THE
TERM "RETIREMENT". DADACHANJI BELIEVES THAT SUCH A MESSAGE,
WHICH WOULD BE READ BY GOI, WOULD HELP SWEETEN THE
ATMOSPHERE HERE WHILE COSTING WESTINGHOUSE NOTHING.

2. DADACHANJI ASKES FOR SPEEDY ACTION ON ALL OF THE ABOVE
RECOMMENDATIONS WITHOUT MENTION OF USG'S COMMUNICATION ROLE.
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